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Resolution congratulating Paula Kiely on her retirement from the Milwaukee Public Library.

WHEREAS,

PAULA KIELY

retired with pride and satisfaction as the director of the Milwaukee Public Library on August 28, 2020 after 25 years of dedicated service to the city and the Milwaukee Public Library; and

WHEREAS, *Paula Kiely honorably served as City Librarian for the past 14 years after being appointed to the role in 2006 by Mayor Tom Barrett; and*

WHEREAS, *Paula Kiely led the reinvention of the physical library as a flexible, technology-rich, people-first environment through innovative mixed-use development of new branch libraries and remodeling projects at Central Library and other branches, and she led the creation of LibraryNow which put nearly 80,000 library cards in the hands of Milwaukee students, and she was also successful in bringing the first StoryCorps Outpost outside of New York City to Milwaukee in 2007; and*

WHEREAS, *Paula Kiely used the library to positively impact preschool development through programs like Books2Go and the Office of Early Childhood Development which was housed at Central Library, and she also elevated teen services with dedicated space for them, including Makerspaces at the Mitchell Street and the Good Hope branch libraries; and*

WHEREAS, *Paula Kiely led efforts for green initiatives including the creation of a green roof at Central Library, installation of solar panels, rain gardens, and parking lot resurfacing, and she challenged people's perception of the library with the Library Loud Campaign which brought a Hip-Hop concert, a haunted house, a Mexican wrestling match, and a rap battle all to the library; and*

WHEREAS, *Paula Kiely was a hardworking, persistent, and altruistic director of the Milwaukee Public Library, and she focused on the community and meeting particular neighborhood needs and interests, and she increased access for all residents and committed her career to enriching the lives of all residents of every age; now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Paula Kiely on her retirement from the Milwaukee Public Library, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community, and wishes for her a happy and healthy retirement; and, be it*

FURTHER RESOLVED, *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Paula Kiely, an exemplary employee.*

Introduced by Common Council members Robert J. Bauman, Cavalier Johnson, Milele A. Coggs, Scott Spiker, Chantia Lewis, Ashanti Hamilton, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez, Khalif J. Rainey and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 28, 2020.